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LETTER OF INQUIRY

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated May 23, 2001 (Paper  
No. 6).

In that Office Action the Examiner relies on U.S. Patent No. 5,350,331 to  
Glickman. However, insofar as Applicants can determine, this reference was not previously cited  
by the Examiner nor by Applicants nor has the Examiner provided Applicants with a copy of the  
same. In view of the fact that there is another Glickman patent of record, Applicants are inquiring  
as to whether there is an error in the rejection or whether the Examiner intended to rely on a  
newly cited reference.

Clarification would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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